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RECEIPT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your June 3, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested the following:

- Sandia (1967): "Scope of Work for Sandia Corporation's Continued Participation in Project Agile." Sandia. OSTI Identifier 10152618.
- Schwartz (1963): "Minutes of Inter-Lab AEC Weapon Effects Committee." OSTI Identifier 10151036.
- Cook (1963): "Need for Weapon Effects Testing." Sandia. OSTI Identifier 10151367.
- McDonald (1957): "Weapon: Birth - Life - Death Sandia Corporation Controlled Items." Sandia. OSTI Identifier 10150685.

It is the practice of the National Nuclear Security Administration, in accordance with Departmental policy, to process FOIA requests in the approximate order of the date received by this office. Your request is out for a search for responsive records. A number of requests received prior to yours are pending, and your request will be processed in turn. We will make every effort to respond to your request as quickly as possible. Although we are committed to responding to your request in a timely manner, we estimate that we will not be able to respond to your request in 20 working days. We need more time to complete the search of facilities geographically separated from this office, review the record(s) for release, and prepare the response to you, as some requests, depending upon the volume of records, the complexity of the search, and/or the sensitivity of the subject matter, require additional time to complete. Reformulating or otherwise narrowing the scope of your request may result in a quicker processing time.

In your FOIA request you identified yourself in the educational/scientific category for fee purposes. Your request for that fee category is denied because we have determined the use of records you requested is for your commercial or profit interest. Based on our determination you are now considered a "commercial use requester." Therefore charges will be assessed to recover the full direct costs of searching for, reviewing for release, and duplicating the records sought. Our agency will recover the cost of searching for and reviewing records even if there is ultimately no disclosure of records. This request is currently pending and processing will begin once we are notified that you are willing to pay all fees as described for your pending FOIA request. If we do not receive a response regarding your willingness to pay all fees by June 25, 2019 we will consider your request invalid and will close it with no further action.

You may appeal our denial of fee category pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.8(a). Such an appeal must be made in writing within 90 calendar days after receipt of this letter, addressed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, L'Enfant building, Washington, DC 20585. Your appeal must contain a concise statement of the grounds for the appeal and a description of the relief sought. Please submit a copy of this letter with the appeal. Please clearly mark both the envelope and the letter "Freedom of Information Appeal." You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the District of Columbia or in the district where (1) you reside, (2) you have your principal place of business, or (3) the Department's records are situated.

You may also contact NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, John E. Weckerle, FOIA Officer, Office of the General Counsel, at 1-866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you have questions concerning the processing of this request, please contact me by e-mail at Delilah.Perez@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address above. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00234-M in your communication.

Sincerely,



John E. Weckerle
Authorizing & Denying Official